

Final Results Ferry Name Poll

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- Q1 The Transportation Commission will be selecting two names for the next two 64-car ferries. The names under consideration are listed below, and a description of their meaning & significance is shown. Please select the *two names* you like best.
 - Salish "Salish" refers to the Coast Salish people of Washington, British Columbia, and Oregon. Also the name of the inland marine sea comprised of Juan de Fuca Strait, the Strait of Georgia, and the Puget Sound.
 - Cowlitz The Cowlitz tribe provided key assistance to the pioneers in the Cowlitz Corridor which linked the
 Columbia River valley with South Puget Sound communities long before Washington Territory was established.
 The Washington Territorial Legislature honored the tribe by naming one of our earliest counties for them.
 Cowlitz County includes a broad flood plain located at the mouth of the Cowlitz River that was a swamp in preEuropean settlement days; some believe it was the source of the name Cowlitz, which is "capturing medicine
 spirit."
 - **Kennewick** "Kennewick" has several native meanings: "winter paradise", "winter haven," "grassy place" and "grassy slope." The name Kennewick comes from the Indian name Kin-i-wak; it was the gathering place for the Chemnapums, Nez Perces, Walla Wallas, Yakamas, Cayuses, Wanapams, and Umatillas. Kennewick has been a major transportation artery since 1811, when fur traders began exploring the northwest. By the 1860s steam-driven riverboats ferried men and their freight up the Columbia.
 - Tokitae "Tokitae" is a Coast Salish greeting meaning "Nice day, pretty colors", and is also the name given to an orca captured at Penn Cove, near Keystone, in 1970. Tokitae was brought to a marine park in Miami 40 years ago, where she was put into service as an entertainer, and named Lolita. She is the last survivor of the 45 Southern Resident orcas captured in WA state during the capture era of the 1960s and 70s. Such captures were later banned in Washington State waters in 1976.
 - Samish "Samish" is the "giving people" in proto-Salish origins. The Samish Indian Nation has held a deep-rooted respect for the traditions of sharing with its neighbors. The Tribe's historic area ranges from the mountain tops of the Cascades westerly along the hills, woodlands, and river deltas, arriving at the far western shores of the San Juan Islands.

